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More specifically, the documents include a Translation of a Rejection Decision of September 10, 2002, and a translation of a Notice of Rejection Reason(s). Reference 1 there referred to is the JP Publication No. 11-175591, and a List of the Cited References is included on page 2 of the Notice of Rejection (Reasons). Translations of the cited documents are not provided and are not readily available; however, their relevance can be determined from the Japanese prosecution.

Please take these documents, together with the information at pages 1 to 4 in the specification as filed, and make their consideration of record. No fee is believed to be required.

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art. Finally, as noted in the Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report, the Applicant was notified that no ISR will be established because the subject matter relates to "schemes, rules or methods of doing business".

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